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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MCDONALD ET AL.

Examiner

Shelley Self

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 48-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-47 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 48-52, 55, 56 and 59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 53, 54, 57, 58 and 60 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/4/04; 3/4/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of the invention of Group I (clms. 48-55 and newly filed clms. 56-60) in Paper filed April 22, 2004 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-47 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made **without** traverse in Paper filed March 22, 2004.

This restriction requirement is made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Emmons (2,943,654). Emmons discloses a router (fig. 1) including a base (12), a motor housing (10) a motor operable to drive a tool element (20), a base plate (25) operable to support a router, the base plate having an upper surface and defining a recess extending from the upper surface, the router being supportable on the base plate with the lower surface of the base engaging the upper surface of the base plate and with the tool element extending below the lower surface of the base and into the recess (fig. 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 49 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmons (2,943,654) in view of Hedrick (5,289,861). Emmons does not disclose the base plate formed by molding or supportable on a support surface. Hedrick teaches that it is old and well known to construct a router having a base (12) attached to a base plate (14) wherein the base plate is constructed via molding (col. 5, lines 27-30) and supportable on a support surface (18). Because the references are from a similar art it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one having ordinary skill in the art to construct Emmons' base plate via molding and supportable on a support surface as taught by Hedrick so as to produce a strong, sturdy base.

Claim 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmons (2,943,654) in view of Robinson (4,143,691). Emmons does not disclose a second recess. Robinson teaches in a similar are the use of a router (fig. 1), having a base (20, 22), a motor (10) and a base plate (28) wherein the base plate defines a second recess (30) configured to receive a tool for use with the router (figs. 1, 4).

Claims 52, 55 56 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emmons (2,943,654) in view of Miller et al. (6,267,238). Emmons does not disclose a case including a first wall and a second wall. Emmons does however the router to be portable. Miller teaches the use of a toolbox having sides pivotably attached (figs. 1-4) and defining a cavity for

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transporting removably supporting portable tools (12). Because, the references are from a closely related art, and deal with portability of tools/powers, it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to one having ordinary skill in the art to provide Emmons with a case, as taught by Miller for ease of transport of power tools.

Allowable Subject Matter

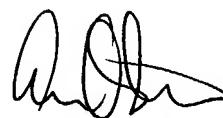
Claims 53, 54, 57, 58, 60 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and if any 35 U.S.C. 112 rejections were overcome.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelley Self whose telephone number is (703) 305-5299. The examiner can normally be reached Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Allen Ostrager can be reached at (703) 308-3136. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular and After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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